

Preliminary Amendment dated January 31, 2005
Application claiming priority from PCT/CH2003/000417

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph immediately following the title on page 1:

This application claims priority of PCT application PCT/CH2003/000417 having a priority date of August 7, 2002 the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention concerns a winch, particularly for driving an umbrella ~~pursuant to the preamble of claim 1.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~The object is attained pursuant to the invention by means of the characterizing features of claim 1.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Advantageous embodiments of the winch are defined in claims 2 through 13.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~In accordance with claim 2, the~~ The feeler can be prestressed in the locking position. ~~In accordance with claim 3 is likewise possible~~ Also possible is a configuration in which the feeler is prestressed when it is released. In principle, it is possible for the feeler to be active only at certain locations on the rope drum, but even more advantageous is an embodiment ~~pursuant to claim 4,~~ according to which the feeler is fixed and is arranged over the entire length of the rope drum.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Particularly preferred is an embodiment ~~pursuant to claim 5~~, according to which the feeler is arranged on both sides on an arm of a two-armed rocker, respectively, which can be pivotably arranged around an axis, which is arranged parallel to the axis of the rope drum and at a radial distance thereto. The locking member is then provided on the other arm of the rocker. This winch responds to the direction of entry of the rope. For this purpose, it is useful if ~~the winch is further developed in accordance with claim 6 and~~ the pivot pin of the rocker is designed as a guide rod extending across the rope drum, which conveys the rope with a certain degree of guidance and improves the response of the feeler.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Claim 7 describes~~ Also described herein is an alternative embodiment of the feeler, wherein the latter is configured as a slide that is prestressed in the direction of the surface of the rope drum and on which the locking member is arranged. The locking member runs against the stop when the rope drum rotates in the wrong direction. If direction of rotation is correct, the feeler responds to the winding of the rope and lifts the locking member out of the locking range of the stop.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Particular advantages of the winch result especially if the winch is equipped, ~~as described in claim 8~~, with a releasable click-stop device and a releasable brake device, which can be intercombined and actuated by the manual crank. ~~An especially suitable embodiment of said click-stop device combination is defined in claims 9 through 13.~~